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I would like to add my voice to the chorus of those opposed to this settlement.

There are many parts I disagree with, but the one I feel most strongly about is this:

Overlooked in this settlement is the issue of file formats, specifically file formats of Microsoft's ubiquitous Office Suite. The closed nature of these file formats allows Microsoft to not only bar third party applications from competing, but also requires users to purchase new versions of Microsoft's products in order to continue using and sharing these documents with others.

Please take my comments into consideration.

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